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## EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.138

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant, by his/her undersigned attorney, hereby expressly abandons the subject application in favor of the continuation-in-part application, U.S. Serial No. 918,288, filed August 25, 1997.

This abandonment is made without prejudice and is not intended as an abandonment of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application or acquiescence to any of the rejections made in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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